

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A single-use valve (1) for mounting on a package (2), particularly food packages the contents of which are to be heated in a microwave oven (3), said valve (1) arranged to open in response to an excess pressure generated inside the package (2) upon heating of the latter, ~~characterized in~~ wherein that valve comprises an opening (4) formed in the package (2), and adhesive layer (5) being applied on top of said opening (4), and in that said valve (1) is arranged to emit a sound signal when subjected to said pressure load.

2. (Currently Amended) A valve (1) as claimed in claim 1, wherein said opening (4) is in the form of a slit (4).

3. (Currently Amended) A valve (1) as claimed in claim 2, wherein said slit (4) is straight.

4. (Currently Amended) A valve (1) as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one portion of the adhesive layer (5) comprises an adhesive that is suitable for use in conjunction with foodstuffs.

5. (Currently Amended) A valve (1) as claimed in claim 1, wherein said adhesive layer (5) is a tape.

6. (Currently Amended) A valve as claimed in claim 5, wherein said tape (5) is resilient.

7. (Currently Amended) A valve (1) as claimed in claim 1, wherein said adhesive layer (5) is a label.

8. (Currently Amended) A valve (1) as claimed in claim 1, wherein said packaging material (6) in which said valve (1) is provided, consists of a non-directional laminate.